REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-18 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-18 continue to stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, §102, and §103.

I. Formal Matters and Conclusion

Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-18 are pending in the application.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims fulfill the statutory requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that claims 1, 3-9, and 11-18, all the claims presently pending in the application, are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest time possible.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary.

Please charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Attorney's Deposit Account Number 09-0441.

Respectfully submitted,

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